

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 5, 11, 15, and 17 are pending in this application. Please cancel claims 2, 8-10, and 12-14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sound absorbing structure utilizing ~~[[the]]~~ vibration of a plate-like body, comprising:

a vibration damping member provided on a surface of the plate-like body, a first side of the vibration damping member facing the surface of the plate-like body;
and

an installation portion provided at ~~an opposite~~ a second side of the vibration damping member, ~~against the surface of the plate-like body~~ the second side being opposite to the first side of the vibration member,

wherein the vibration damping member and the installation portion are ~~line-shaped or strip-shaped~~ lattice-shaped along the surface of the plate-like body, and the installation portion has the same shape as the lattice-shaped vibration damping member.

- 2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein the vibration damping member is made of an elastic body or a viscoelastic body.

6. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein the vibration damping member is sheet-shaped.

- 7-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A sound absorbing structure according to claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein the lattice of the lattice-shaped vibration damping member includes a plurality of square and/or rectangular shapes having different sizes.

- 12-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein the plate-like body includes a plurality of through holes.
16. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 15, wherein the plate-like body and the vibration damping member include a plurality of through holes.
17. (Original) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein one or a plurality of other plate-like body(s) is/are arranged at an opposite side of the plate-like body against the installation portion.
18. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 17, wherein an elastic body or a viscoelastic body is arranged between the plurality of other plate-like bodies.
19. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein the installation portion is another plate-like body provided with projections.
20. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein the plate-like body and a plurality of installation portions are integrally formed, and the vibration damping members are arranged on the plate-like body between the plurality of installation portions.
21. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure utilizing the vibration of a plate-like body, comprising:
 - an installation portion provided on at least one surface of the plate-like body;
 - and
 - a vibration damping member provided on an opposite surface of the plate-like body against the installation portion and/or on the same surface of the plate-like body as the installation portion.
22. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein a constraining member is provided at an opposite side of the vibration damping member against the plate-like body.

23. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein the vibration damping member is made of an elastic body or a viscoelastic body.
24. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein the vibration damping member is sheet-shaped.
25. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein the vibration damping member is line-shaped or strip-shaped.
26. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein the plate-like body includes a plurality of through holes.
27. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 26, wherein the plate-like body and the vibration damping member include a plurality of through holes.
28. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 21, wherein one or a plurality of other plate-like body(s) is/are arranged at an opposite side of the plate-like body against the installation portion.
29. (Withdrawn) A sound absorbing structure according to claim 28, wherein an elastic body or a viscoelastic body is arranged between the plurality of other plate-like bodies.